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CC: Goldsmith, Sara (she/her) [Goldsmith.Sara@epa.gov]; Yin, Tina (she/her) [Yin.Tina@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Concerns over ADEQ draft Clean Water Act permit renewal
Attachments: 10.16.2018-ALJ-Decision.pdf; WQAB 17-001 Final Administrative Decision.pdf; az-moa-npdes.pdf

Hi All --

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Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 9:44 AM

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Hi Ellen,

We just talked with Chris and here is the situation/background:

- The previous permit was appealed and the permit was stayed; however, ADEQ decided to move forward with reissuance at this point.
- The appeal has gone through several levels of adjudication. The next level would be the State Supreme Court. The last decision was made by the State Court Appeals Board, who sided with ADEQ on their new source analysis. ADEQ's arguments on this have not changed since the permit was last issued.
- Chris was hoping to complete the response to comments by the end of next week, but I asked him to push it out, considering Justin is out next week, and we couldn't schedule a meeting with everyone until the 14th (see invite).
- I plan on discussing path forward with Laurie today at 10am.

-Elizabeth

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From: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>

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To: Sablad, Elizabeth <Sablاد.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Sheth, Gary <Sheth.Gary@epa.gov>; Goldsmith, Sara (she/her) <Goldsmith.Sara@epa.gov>; Kermish, Laurie (she/her) <Kermish.Laurie@epa.gov>

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Great. Justin reached out this morning and if our schedules align, I'll talk to him later today. Please let me know what comes out of your call with Chris.

From: Sablad, Elizabeth <Sablاد.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 5:23 AM

To: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>; Sheth, Gary <Sheth.Gary@epa.gov>; Goldsmith, Sara (she/her) <Goldsmith.Sara@epa.gov>; Kermish, Laurie (she/her) <Kermish.Laurie@epa.gov>

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Gary and I have a regular call with Chris this morning so we can get some info then. Also planning to discuss the plan more with Laurie today at our check in.

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:54 PM
To: roger@AZminingreform.org
Cc: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>; Guzman, Martha <Guzman.Martha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Concerns over ADEQ draft Clean Water Act permit renewal

Dear Mr. Featherstone,

Thank you for your letter and attachments; we will review and contact you if we have any questions or need more information.

Best Regards,

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From: Roger Featherstone <roger@azminingreform.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Guzman, Martha <Guzman.Martha@epa.gov>
Cc: Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>
Subject: Concerns over ADEQ draft Clean Water Act permit renewal

Dear Ms. Guzman,

Please review the attached letter and attachments regard the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's intent to improperly renew a permit to allow discharge of polluted mine water into Waters of the United States.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Thanks,
Roger

Roger Featherstone

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